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Ashby —

30th Nov-1881.

My dearest Uncle Billy

We started from
New Norfolk yesterday
morning by the coach
at ten minutes past
seven o'clock. The morning
was lovely — There were
more passengers than
expected — a larger coach
was brought — as we
nearly Bridgewater
we picked up a passenger
who had to ride on the

step. Mr Murry the
Clergyman was in the
Coach - he is a shrivelled
man - something like
parchment. The train
was rather full - we
knew one passenger - A
brother of young Mr
Tom Parramore. He had
been to New Zealand
with sheep - & seemed to
have enjoyed himself -
he said the Railway
there are tougher than
here. Some comfort I think
our neighbours are worse
off than ourselves. We
reached Ashby quite

safely. Found Auntie
& her sister very well -
glad to have us back -
The flowers and Bird
gave me a welcome -
Uncle walked round
his garden & found the
things had not grown.
There is to be a Flower -
Show in Campbell Town
on the 8th prox - I wonder
where the flowers are to
come from. There is an
appearance of rain -
At Somercotes Shearing
was stopped by rain.
Auntie & her sister drove
there to see the "Hot water
wash" - Came away thinking

The sheep cruelly treated
Our nearest neighbour
W^m Bennett shorn in the
grease & realized £1 ½ lb-
for his wool - he is delighted

I must churn this
morning. Agnes Gellion
did so while I was away.
I think it rather fun -

My box of dresses arrived
from Melbourne - One dress
is so grand - (Satin silk
& beads) I shall have
little opportunity of
showing it to ^{the} natives. Their
breath would be taken
away - This dress has
great puffs on the

Shoulders & sleeves -
quite fit for a Prince.
a travelling coat also
came - black stuff -
lined with lovely soft
silk - and fastened by
large bead buttons.

The time is short
since seeing my dear
Uncle - that there is
nothing more to tell him.
The Piano tuner
came yesterday afternoon
the piano is now very
nice - Agnes is busy

practising - she spends
a good deal of time so
occupied -

Please make my very
kind remembrances to
J^r & W^m Huston also their
circle - & with a great
deal of love & kisses
from us all & especially
your loving niece -
Letitia B. Leake